Contingency Plan for Poor People

3222. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY :
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in northern belt some hundreds of poor people died due to severe cold wave in recent months;

(b) whether there is any contingency plan for providing shelter to the poor people;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government will draw up such a plan in the interest of the poor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Grants of Pre-matric Scholarship for children in Andhra Pradesh

3223. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central grants are being made available to Andhra Pradesh for Pre-matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in unclean occupations in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the grants made available during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of children benefited therefrom during the said period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The year-wise details of grants released during the last three years are as follows :—

Year	Central assistance released
2000-01	Rs. 63.39 lakhs
2001-02	Rs. 57.94 lakhs
2002-03	Rs. 252.60 lakhs